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1. The 2nd Motorized Battalion (Autoprapor), Caslav (about 70 km. east of Prague), was previously in Vysoke Myto as 8th Motorized Battalion (Autoprapor)

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- a. In November 1950 this battalion was transferred to Caslav and quartered in the Prokop Holy barracks on the Brno road. On transfer the number was changed to 2 The CO since May 1951 has been Major Josef Pilny.

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- b. The battalion consists of three companies;
 - lst Company is a school for NCOs (Poddustojnicka skola) and it is only
 to a limited extent attached to the unit, as it trains NCOs and
 instructors for other units and is not in any way connected with the
 unit transport.
 - 2nd Company trains drivers (Skola proudice) for the unit and for other motorized columns.
 - 3) 3rd Company is the quartermaster company (Nabradni rota).
- c. The vehicles belonging to this battalion are:

 $35 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks type RND-Praga (Diesel) 70 - 100 hp

6 cars of type Tudor 1101, 15 hp

- 15 x 3-ton trucks of Russian type Zis. (Of these trucks only three are in use, the remainder needing repair. As there are no spare parts available, some of the cars not in use are taken to pieces when repairs are undertaken.)
- $5 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, Russian Gaz type
- 12 motorcycles of Java type, 250 ccm.
- 1 motorcycle Zuendapp, 750 ccm.
- 2 motorcycles BMW, 500 ccm.

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2. 21st Infantry Regiment (Piesi Pluk), Caslav

- a. This regiment is quartered in the Ziska barracks in Caslav.
- b. The unit is motorized and has the following vehicles: about 40 German armored half-tracks carrying about 12 soldiers each. About 25 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ -ton RND-Praga with seating room for 24 soldiers each.
- 3. Reserve Officers' School (scola produstojulky v zaloze) in Zirikovy barracks, Caslav
 - a. The period of training in this school is eight months. Men who are politically reliable are sent to this school; an elementary education is the requisite qualification.
 - b. Assignment to this school sometimes takes place on completion of recruit training.
 - After completing the eight months' course the candidates receive the rank of cadet-officer. There are three grades of cadet-officer (svobodnik, desatnik, cetar) and the candidates are assigned to one or another of these ranks in correspondence with their success in the school examinations.
 - 2) On finishing their training they return to their unit to complete their service of two years.
 - 3) These cadet-officers can be conscripted and forced to become regular soldiers, but after a certain period informant could not state how long they are sent back to civilian life. They are liable to be called up to further training at any time, as is usual for reserve officers. There were about 80 participants in the last (1951) course.

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